

What is claimed is:

1. A process for validating a roaming user who seeks access to a communications network operated by a first service provider, the process comprising:
  - determining that the user is associated with a second service provider; and
  - temporarily deferring or denying service to the user while awaiting validation data from the second service provider.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising forwarding registration data to the second service provider before the deferring or denying step.
3. The method of claim 2 further comprising instructing the network of the first service provider to cancel the user's registration.
4. A process for validating a customer of an international or other selected service provider, where the customer is attempting to use a communications network comprising at least a Mobile Switching Center ("MSC") and Visitor Location Register ("VLR"), the process comprising:
  - determining whether a particular customer is associated with a selected service provider;
  - receiving registration notification data from the customer;
  - identifying the selected service provider;
  - formulating at a Service Control Point ("SCP") a request for registration notification to the Home Location Register ("HLR");
  - receiving at the SCP information pertaining to the customer's validation; and
  - forwarding from the SCP to the VLR either customer validation data or a request to cancel the customer's registration within the VLR.